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CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 a.m., Deputy Speaker Romero “Mi-
ro” S. Quimbo called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

Pursuant to Section 73, Rule XI of the amend-
ed Provisional Rules of the House, the Members
sang the National Anthem and thereafter, observed
a minute of silent prayer.

ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.,
there being no objection, the Chair directed the
Secretary General to call the Roll and the follow-
ing Members were present:

Abayon
Abu
Abueg
Acop
Acosta
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bataoil
Belaro
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Calderon

Calixto-Rubiano
Campos
Canama
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortuna
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Datol
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Enverga
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gullas
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Javier

Kho
Khonghun
Lagman
Lanete
Lazatin
Leachon
Lee
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Loyola
Macapagal-Arroyo
Madrona
Mangaoang
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mending
Mercado
Mirasol
Noel
Nogralles (J.J.)
Nogralles (K.A.)
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Ocampo
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Relampagos
Roa-Puno
Rocamora
Roque (H.)
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salceda
Salimbangon
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao

Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Tan (A.)
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Tiangco
Tolentino
Treñas
Ty
Ungab
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villafuerte
Villanueva
Villarica
Villarín
Violago
Yap (M.)
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 168 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 1)

DEFERMENT OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Belaro, there being no objection, the Body deferred the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Likewise, on motion of Representative Belaro, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the titles of the following Bills and Resolution, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6366, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING TIBAGAN HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY

EAST REMBO, MAKATI CITY FROM FORT BONIFACIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TIBAGAN HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Campos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6367, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE UBO FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MOBO, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AS AN ECO-TOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6368, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PALANI BEACH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AS AN ECO-TOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6369, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE AROROY BEACH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AROROY, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AS AN ECO-TOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6370, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE COLARA BEACH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AROROY, PROVINCE OF MASBATE

AS AN ECO-TOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6371, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE DANAO MARSH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AS AN ECO-TOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6372, entitled:

“AN ACT HARMONIZING THE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9514, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, IN ECONOMIC AND TOURISM ZONES IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Acop, Bataoil, Tambunting, Alejano, Tupas and Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6373, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY”

By Representative Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6374, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DAVAO ORIENTAL REHABILITATION CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS
DRUGS

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 1297, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE MURDER OF TEENAGERS KIAN LOYD DELOS SANTOS, CARL ANGELO ARNAIZ, AND REYNALDO DE GUZMAN ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED BY MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THESE INCIDENTS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THOSE INVOLVED AS WELL AS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS AND PREVENT THE SAME FROM HAPPENING AGAIN”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

With the permission of the Body, the following Members were made coauthors of the Bills hereunder indicated:

Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto for House Bills No. 143, 505, 2860, 4286, 5061, 5370, 5382, 5505, 6123, 6146, 6148, 6150, 6173, 6174, and 6204;

Rep. "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 6183, 6303, 6304, 6305, 6326, 6343, and 6351;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bill No. 6250;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bill No. 356;

Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza for House Bills No. 4115, 4116, 5213, 5900, 5985, and 6029;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 2625, 4115, 4116, 4344, 4703, 5213, 5985, and 6029;

Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta for House Bill No. 528;

Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D. for House Bill No. 952;

Rep. Rosenda Ann Ocampo for House Bills No. 5061, 5370, 5382, 5505, and 6148; and

Rep. Ricardo “RJ” T. Belmonte Jr. for House Bill No. 6093.

**CONCURRENCE WITH SENATE
AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 4924**

With the consent of the Committee on Local Government and the main author of the Bill, on motion of Representative Belaro, there being no objection, the Body concurred with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 4924, entitled: “AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY MAGUGPO IN THE CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE INTO FIVE (5) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MAGUGPO POBLACION, BARANGAY MAGUGPO EAST, BARANGAY MAGUGPO WEST, BARANGAY MAGUGPO NORTH AND BARANGAY MAGUGPO SOUTH.”

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 363
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6215**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Belaro, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215 as embodied in Committee Report No. 363 and reported out by the Committee on Appropriations.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Representative Belaro stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Belaro acknowledged the presence in the session Hall of the heads and other officials of the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC), Tourism Promotions Board (TPB), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Finance (DOF), Office of the President (OP), Bureau of Treasury (BTr), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Bureau of Customs (BOC); National Tax Research Center (NTRC), and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS

On successive motions of Representative Belaro, there being no objection, the Body resumed the debate on the General Principles and Provisions of the 2018 General Appropriations Bill (GAB); and the Chair recognized Reps. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Jose L. Atienza Jr. for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Initially, Representative Atienza stated that the numbers in the budget do not reflect the intention of the President and the message of the DBM to achieve a stable, prosperous, and secure life for all Filipinos.

Representative Atienza then discussed with the Sponsor his concern over the lack of support for the housing program while huge allocations were given to certain departments despite their poor rates of utilization. Their discussion also delved into the absence of a program to clear bodies of water such as the Laguna Lake and remove the monopolies therein so as to protect the right of fisherfolk.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Belaro, Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus initially asked the Sponsor about the formulation of the transition budget as programmed in the AmBisyon Natin 2040 and the consultation of the stakeholders for the same.

Representatives De Jesus and Nograles (K.A.) then discussed the government's plan to address underemployment and unemployment; encourage tourism and investments therein; and develop local economies by focusing on the manufacturing, construction, tourism, and business process outsourcing sectors. They also discussed increasing productivity from natural resources and right-of-way payments in connection with "Build, Build, Build" (BBB) projects.

Representative De Jesus subsequently debated with the Sponsor on the realignment of funds from Oplan Double Barrel to socialized housing and resettlement programs; the appropriation of funds to improve the justice delivery system; and the relocation of the Supreme Court complex.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Belaro, the Chair recognized Rep. Tom S. Villarin for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN

Representatives Villarin and Nograles (K.A.) initially discussed the features of the proposed 2018 budget. Subsequently, they examined the displacement effects of infrastructure projects on informal settlers; peace negotiations with the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF); and the cost recovery policy and revenue accounting approaches for public-private partnership (PPP) and BBB projects.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II, the Chair recognized Reps Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his interpellation

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Representative Zarate first aired his concern about the reduced allocations for agriculture, government hospitals, and housing projects, on one hand; and on increased funds for the anti-drug campaign and war in Marawi, on the other hand.

Deputy Speaker Quimbo relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Mylene J. Garcia-Albano.

He and Representative Nograles also deliberated on the spending and absorptive capacities of government agencies and the imposition of one-year validity for projects; and how they would greatly affect the delivery of basic services especially to the poor.

They discussed what will happen to the 2016 continuing appropriations; the rules on the realignment of savings under the 2018 proposed budget; the budget savings declared by the government for each department; a historical data on savings from 2010 up to the present which the Sponsor agreed to furnish Representative Zarate; clarification of Section 69 under the General Provisions of the Rules of Modification in the Allotment in connection with the DBM Secretary's previous statement on realigning the budgetary items which Congress had authorized and the circumstances the budget can be modified.

On motion of Representative Matugas, the Chair next recognized Rep. Antonio L. Tinio for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

Representatives Tinio and Nograles (K.A.) initially discussed the increase in salaries of uniformed personnel and the funding for the same.

In this regard, the two Members examined President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's intention to increase the salaries of police and military personnel to match those received by civilian employees in the government; the Salary Standardization Law; and Executive Order (E.O.) No. 201.

At this point, Representative Tinio inquired whether public school teachers and other government employees would also receive salary increases based on President Duterte's previous pronouncements.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Matugas, Rep. Arlene D. Brosas inquired on the prevailing policies regarding health.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Nograles (K.A.), the Chair suspended the session at 1:38 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 1:42 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

(Continuation)

Representative Brosas then discussed the following matters with Representative Nograles (K.A.): profit generated by private hospitals from Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth); the Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP) and the funds for the improvement of rural health units to address the needs of minimum wage earners; PhilHealth allocations for private hospitals; medical assistance given by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO); the DOH's medical assistance program; and the reduction in the budget for primary health care.

They also delved into the other concerns of Representative Brosas, thus: insurance-based policies which do not guarantee the quality of health care despite additional subsidies given to PhilHealth; budgetary cuts in the primary health care program and in the maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) of public hospitals; and the hiring of contractual health service workers.

On motion of Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr., the Chair thereafter recognized Rep. Mark O. Go for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GO (M.)

Representatives Nograles and Go focused their discussion on the implementation of human capital development programs and the augmentation of the budget for personnel services (PS), to increase employee productivity and improve service delivery.

They subsequently tackled the need to achieve a balance between agriculture and industry in the country, and the different innovative approaches that the government is taking to improve the economy.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.)

On motion of Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, the Chair recognized Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., who inquired about the process of budget preparation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 2:26 p.m., upon motion of Representative Lopez (B.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 2:27 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.) (Continuation)

Representatives Bravo and Nograles then discussed the role of the DBCC in crafting the national budget; as well as the programmed and unprogrammed funds, and unutilized and unobligated funds in the 2018 GAB.

They also deliberated on the unused funds for the AFP Modernization Program as well as the other priority projects of the government.

SUSPENSION OF THE DEBATE ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS

On motion of Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body suspended the debate on the General Principles and Provisions.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE MMDA

On successive motions of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body considered the budget of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA); and the Chair recognized Rep. Alfred D. Vargas and Representative Atienza to sponsor the same and interpellate thereon, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA*

Representative Atienza questioned the efficiency of MMDA and its personnel in addressing the persistent problem of flooding in the metropolis. He suggested more effective ways on how MMDA can make use of its budget to address the problem.*

On motion of Representative Primicias-Agabas, the Chair next recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez discussed with Representative Vargas his proposal on a three-digit coding scheme; the pile-up of buses in a certain por-

tion along EDSA; the commanding authority over the proper collection and transport of garbage; and the MMDA's solution to the traffic nightmare.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE MMDA

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Primicias-Agabas representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the MMDA.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Primicias-Agabas, the Chair suspended the session at 3:08 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:11 p.m.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS

Majority Leader Fariñas thereupon read into the records, President Duterte's letter to Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez that certified to the necessity of immediately enacting House Bill No. 6215 or the proposed General Appropriations Act (GAA) for 2018.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body resumed the debate on the General Principles and Provisions; and the Chair recognized Representatives Nograles (K.A.) and Bravo (A.) to continue their sponsorship and interpellation thereon, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.) (Continuation)

Representatives Bravo and Nograles (K.A.) discussed the difference between total obligations and the revenue program which translates into the continuously increasing deficit in the national debt.

* See *Journal No. 25* of September 18, 2017 for corrections/amendments on this portion of *Journal No. 23*.

On Representative Bravo's appeal on behalf of cooperatives and mutual benefit associations to retain authorized deductions in Section 47 of the General Provisions of the 2017 GAA, Representative Nograles said that the Committee will coordinate closely with him.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

On motion of Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez who initially noted that the 2018 GAB was a reflection of the priorities of the Duterte Administration. He then discussed with the Sponsor the role of the 2018 proposed budget in the anti-drug war.

The Members then debated on whether education had the highest allocation in the 2018 budget and on why the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) did not have an additional budget. As regards the latter, the Minority Leader stated that weather forecasting is also important to agriculture and fishery; and requested the 2018 bicameral committee to reconsider PAGASA's budget.

Minority Leader Suarez thereupon raised his concern regarding the implementation of a tuition law, to which Representative Nograles (K.A.) relayed the commitment of the Department of Finance (DOF) thereon.

TERMINATION OF THE DEBATE ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Bondoc representing the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the debate on the General Principles and Provisions.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DTI AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and its attached agencies/corporations; and the Chair recognized Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda and Minority Leader Suarez for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Salceda talked about the big increase in DTI's budget in view of its program of incentives for car manufacturers. The latter committed to submit data on the department's unliquidated funds as well as funds that were reverted to the National Treasury.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DTI AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/ CORPORATIONS

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Bondoc representing the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DTI and its attached agencies/corporations.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE PSU AND SSC

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Pangasinan State University (PSU) and Sulu State College (SSC); and the Chair recognized Reps. Paolo Everardo S. Javier and Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE PSU AND SSC

There being no interpellations, on successive joint motions of Representatives Garbin and Bondoc on behalf of the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the PSU and SSC.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DSWD AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Social Welfare and Development

(DSWD) and its attached agencies; and the Chair recognized Representative Oscar “Richard” S. Garin Jr. and Minority Leader Suarez for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez discussed with Representative Garin (R.) the rationale on the huge increase in the agency’s budget considering its low absorptive capacity; and how the significant increase can be reconciled considering its unused appropriations.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Garin (R.), the Chair suspended the session at 3:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:36 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ (Continuation)

Then discussing the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Program, the Members analyzed the need for an increase in the budget of the DSWD despite the non-withdrawal of CCT accounts.

Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Garin (R.) then further talked about the status and impact of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps); the funds for the Juvenile Justice Welfare Council; and the transfer of portion of the Quick Response Fund to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC).

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DSWD AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DSWD and its attached agencies.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DAR

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR); and the Chair recognized Rep. Michael John R. Duavit and Minority Leader Suarez for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez said that he had already received an assurance that the DAR will implement a comprehensive program on sub-cropping or intercropping in the coconut industry. In view thereof, he withdrew his objection on the proposed DAR budget.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DAR

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the DAR.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NEA

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the National Electrification Administration (NEA); and the Chair recognized Rep. Celso L. Lobregat and Representative Garbin for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NEA

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Garbin and Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the NEA.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE TIEZA**

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body next considered the proposed budget of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA); and the Chair recognized Representatives Duavit and Garbin for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE TIEZA**

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Garbin and Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the TIEZA.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NHA**

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the National Housing Authority (NHA); and the Chair recognized Representatives Vargas and Garbin for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NHA**

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Garbin and Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the NHA.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
BUDGET OF THE NHMFC**

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body then considered the proposed budget of the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC); and the Chair recognized Representatives Vargas and Garbin for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NHMFC**

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Garbin and Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the NHMFC.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE SHFC**

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC); and the Chair recognized Representative Vargas and Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE SHFC**

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Roque (H.) and Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the SHFC.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE HGC**

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body next considered the proposed budget of the HGC; and the Chair recognized Representatives Vargas and Roque (H.) for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE HGC**

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Roque (H.) and Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the HGC.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE HUDCC

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC); and the Chair recognized Representative Vargas and Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE HUDCC

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Chavez and Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the HUDCC.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE HLURB

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body subsequently considered the proposed budget of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB); and the Chair recognized Representatives Vargas and Chavez for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE HLURB

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Chavez and Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the HLURB.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215.

ROLL CALL

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abellanos
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Barbers
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos

Canama	Gonzaga
Cari	Gonzales (A.P.)
Casilao	Gonzales (A.D.)
Castelo	Gonzalez
Castro (F.L.)	Gullas
Castro (F.H.)	Herrera-Dy
Cerafica	Hofer
Chavez	Jalosjos
Chipeco	Javier
Cojuangco	Kho
Cortuna	Khonghun
Cosalan	Lacson
Crisologo	Lagman
Cua	Lanete
Cuaresma	Laogan
Cueva	Lazatin
Dalipe	Leachon
Datol	Lee
Daza	Limkaichong
De Jesus	Lobregat
de Venecia	Lopez (B.)
De Vera	Lopez (C.)
Defensor	Lopez (M.L.)
Del Mar	Loyola
Del Rosario	Macapagal-Arroyo
Deloso-Montalla	Maceda
Dimaporo (A.)	Madrona
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Malapitan
Duavit	Manalo
Durano	Mangaoang
Dy	Marcoleta
Elago	Marquez
Enverga	Martinez
Erice	Matugas
Ermita-Buhain	Mellana
Escudero	Mending
Espina	Mercado
Espino	Mirasol
Estrella	Montoro
Evardone	Nava
Fariñas	Nieto
Fernando	Noel
Ferrer (J.)	Nograles (J.J.)
Ferriol-Pascual	Nograles (K.A.)
Floirendo	Nolasco
Fortun	Oaminal
Fortuno	Ocampo
Garbin	Olivarez
Garcia (G.)	Ong (E.)
Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (P.)
Garcia-Albano	Ortega (V.N.)
Garin (R.)	Paduano
Garin (S.)	Palma
Gasataya	Pancho
Gatchalian	Panganiban
Go (A.C.)	Panotes
Go (M.)	Papandayan
Gomez	Pimentel

Pineda
Plaza
Primicias-Agabas
Radaza
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rocamora
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque (H.)
Roque (R.)
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salceda
Salimbangon
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tejada
Teves
Tiangco
Ting
Tinio
Tolentino
Treñas
Tugna
Tupas
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara

Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 236 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 2)

Deputy Speaker Garcia-Albano relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Eric D. Singson.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215, as embodied in Committee Report No. 363 and reported out by the Committee on Appropriations.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PRRC

Whereupon, on successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC); and the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez asked on the dredging of the Pasig River by the PRRC. Representative

Vargas said that the PRRC agrees that it should be done as soon as possible.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PRRC

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Bondoc on behalf of the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the PRRC.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NCIP

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP); and the Chair recognized Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar and Representative Zarate to sponsor the measure and interpellate thereon, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Representative Zarate expressed apprehension about the seeming lack of concern of the NCIP on the current situation of indigenous peoples and national cultural minorities; the red-tagging of Lumad schools; and killing of Lumad leaders and violation of their human rights.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Representative Zarate thereafter relayed the Makabayan bloc's position that the NCIP should be abolished; and moved that the Body allocate only ₱1,000.00 for the NCIP.

OBJECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza objected to Representative Zarate's motion.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Bondoc, the session was suspended at 4:21 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:22 p.m.

WITHDRAWAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA'S MOTION

Representative Atienza clarified that what he was objecting to was the reduction in the budget of the Commission on Human Rights and Representative Bondoc said that the Body was considering the NCIP budget.

Whereupon, the former withdrew his objection to Representative Zarate's motion.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NCIP

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Bravo (A.) and Bondoc representing the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the NCIP.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE ARGMM

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Autonomous Regional Government in Muslim Mindanao (ARGMM).

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DIMAPORO (M.K.)

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Bondoc, Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo stated that the proposed budget of the ARGMM was ₱33.4 billion.

MOTION TO TERMINATE THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE ARGMM

There being no interpellations, Representatives Bravo (A.) and Bondoc, representing the Minority and Majority, jointly moved to terminate the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed ARGMM budget.

OBJECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TAN (S.)

Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan objected to the motion.

VIVA VOCE VOTING ON THE TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE ARGMM

After stating the parliamentary status, Representative Bondoc moved for a division of the House.

The Chair then called for a *viva voce* voting on the joint motion of Representatives Bondoc and Bravo (A.) to terminate the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed ARGMM budget; and with the majority of the Members voting in favor of the motion, the same was carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DBM

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM); and the Chair recognized Representative Nograles (K.A.) to sponsor the same.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:27 p.m., on motion of Representative Bondoc.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:28 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Upon recognition by the Chair on Representative Bondoc's motion, Minority Leader Suarez, in behalf of his colleagues in the House, asked for the timely release of their 2018 funds intended for projects that were close to their hearts.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Minority Leader Suarez, the session was suspended at 4:32 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:32 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

(Continuation)

Minority Leader Suarez expressed hope that the leadership would take note of his request, this as he stressed the significance of 2019 to all of the Members.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED DBM BUDGET

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the DBM.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE LUMP SUM FUNDS

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget for the Lump Sum Funds; and the Chair recognized Representative Nograles (K.A.) to sponsor said budget.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:37 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Recognized by the Chair upon Representative Bondoc's motion, Minority Leader Suarez stated that he had already discussed with Representative Nograles (K.A.) on how the Lump Sum Funds would be spread out.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE LUMP SUM FUNDS

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Bondoc representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objec-

tion, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget for the Lump Sum Funds.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CHR

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR); and the Chair recognized Reps. Raul V. Del Mar and Rodante D. Marcoleta for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA

Representatives Marcoleta and Del Mar initially discussed the DBM's 60% reduction in the proposed CHR budget.

Thereupon, Representative Del Mar and Marcoleta debated on the functions of the CHR to investigate human rights violations of rebel groups in general and in the Mamasapano massacre and Marawi siege in particular; the seeming deferment of the Commission to the United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur than to President Duterte as regards the campaign against illegal drugs; and the President's entitlement to the protection of his human rights as well.

In concluding his interpellation, Representative Marcoleta questioned the validity of the creation of the CHR by former President Corazon C. Aquino.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA

Thereafter, Representative Marcoleta moved that the CHR be given a mere ₱1, 000.00 budget.

SECONDING MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

Representative Bondoc, on behalf of the Majority, seconded Representative Marcoleta's motion.

OBJECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

Rep. Edgar R. Erice objected to the motion and asked to be allowed to explain his objection.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

Representative Bondoc stated that the parliamentary status was that Representative Marcoleta had proposed a motion which he had duly seconded.

OBJECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza also objected to Representative Marcoleta's motion and asked to be allowed to explain his position.

MANIFESTATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES LAGMAN AND VILLARIN

Representatives Lagman and Villarin simultaneously manifested their intent to take the floor.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

After stating that Representative Erice had objected to Representative Marcoleta's motion that he had duly seconded, Representative Bondoc moved to divide the House.

OBJECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza registered his continuing objection to Representative Marcoleta's motion.

OBJECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEL MAR

At this point, Representative Del Mar clarified that he still had the floor, being the Sponsor of the CHR budget proposal. He also registered his objection to Representative Marcoleta's motion and said that he should be allowed three minutes to explain the same.

VIVA VOCE VOTING ON REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA'S MOTION

The Chair then called for a *viva voce* voting on Representative Marcoleta's motion to give only ₱1,000.00 for the 2018 budget of the CHR; and with *ayes* having preponderance, the motion was carried.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 5:08 p.m., upon motion of Representative Bondoc.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:10 p.m.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA'S MOTION

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval of the motion of Representative Marcoleta.

Representative Bondoc then stated that the parliamentary status was that the Members who objected to Representative Marcoleta's motion will be allowed to explain their objection in the following order: Representatives Atienza, Lagman, and Del Mar.

OBJECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN

At this point, Representative Villarín also objected to Representative Marcoleta's motion and asked to be allowed to explain his objection.

EXPLANATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

On motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Representative Atienza who stated that the argument of Representative Marcoleta was defective in a way because the CHR was created by former President Corazon C. Aquino under a revolutionary government. He added that instead of abolishing the CHR, the government should strengthen it as it deals with human rights violations.

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair next recognized Representative Lagman.

EXPLANATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman pointed out that Representative Marcoleta was asking for the reduction of the CHR budget because the agency was supposedly derelict in its duty by not investigating the offenses of rebel groups. He however explained that while common crimes are committed by criminals, human rights violations are committed by the State or its agents against the people. He added that the CHR has no jurisdiction over non-State parties; and that the late President Aquino was exercising her legislative powers under the revolutionary government when she created the CHR.

He stressed that he was against the motion which was unconstitutional and was virtually abolishing a constitutional body or office by legislative fiat.

EXPLANATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEL MAR

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Bondoc, Representative Del Mar explained that the CHR was created by a President who possessed both executive and legislative powers at the time. He added that the duty of the CHR is to investigate any complaint of human rights violation involving civil and political rights. He emphasized that the proposed miniscule budget would cripple if not abolish the CHR, which is not the intent of the Constitution.

Representative Del Mar further explained the limitation of Congress to abolish the CHR, stressed the latter's constitutional mandate to investigate the excesses and abuses of those in power, and reasoned that the agency's fate should be decided upon during the period of amendments. *

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

At this time, Representative Bondoc stated that the parliamentary status was that the Body was about to divide the House on Representative Marcoleta's motion to give ₱1,000.00 to the CHR for its 2018 budget.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN

Representative Villarín moved for nominal voting.

VIVA VOCE VOTING ON REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA'S MOTION

On motion on Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair called for a *viva voce* voting on Representative Marcoleta's motion to reduce the CHR's budget to ₱1, 000.00; and with the *ayes* having preponderance, the same was carried.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair directed the people in the gallery to not participate in the voting and the Members to take their seats for the proper counting of votes.

* See *Journal No. 26* of September 19, 2017 for corrections/amendments on this portion of *Journal No. 23*.

**REMARKS OF
REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Representative Atienza remarked that the Members should not commit another mistake of railroading a very important measure. He claimed having heard a majority vote of *nays*.

**REMARKS OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Representative Lagman said that the voting result was loud and clear.

**REMARKS OF
REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC**

In response to Representative Villarín's motion for nominal voting, Representative Bondoc adverted to Section 115 of the House Rules which provided that, "If the Speaker doubts the result of the voting or a motion to divide the House is carried, the House shall divide. The Speaker shall ask those in favor to rise, to be followed by those against."

DIVISION OF THE HOUSE

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair called for a division of the House on Representative Marcoleta's motion; and with 119 Members rising in favor of the motion and 32 against, the motion was carried.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

Representative Bondoc then moved to proceed to the *turno en contra*.

QUERY OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

Before the Body could act on the said motion, Representative Erice sought clarification on the results of the voting on Representative Marcoleta's motion and asked if there was a quorum.

The Chair remarked that the total number of Members who voted for and against the motion would constitute a quorum.

**REMARKS OF
REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN**

Representative Villarín said that he had a pending motion for nominal voting.

**WITHDRAWAL OF
REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC'S MOTION**

Thereupon, Representative Bondoc withdrew his previous motion.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE
ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CHR**

There being no further interpellations, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed ₱1,000.00 budget of the CHR.

On a subsequent motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez to deliver his *turno en contra* speech on House Bill No. 6215.

**TURNO EN CONTRA SPEECH OF
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

At the outset, Minority Leader Suarez stated that the 2018 proposed national budget submitted by President Duterte has a theme that reforms and transforms. He enumerated the accomplishments and policies of the Duterte administration in the matter of illegal drugs, criminality, education, and infrastructure.

Subsequently, he lamented the worsening conditions in public transportation; the Administration's inconsistencies in achieving food security; and poor military intelligence which has compromised the security of soldiers and the Filipino people. He also reiterated his stand for the strict implementation of the Attrition Law and the Government Procurement Reform Act; suggested that an oversight committee actively monitor the compliance of government agencies with their commitments and targets; and urged his fellow public officials to do their mandated jobs to ensure the swift delivery of services to the people.

Minority Leader Suarez also asked the House leadership to support his proposal for an additional ₱1 billion for transportation and food allowances of TESDA trainees; and an increase in the budget of each congressional district to ₱150 million.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE DAZA**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Raul A. Daza said he was not objecting to the proposed 2018 budget. He also pointed out that the House

Rules do not provide for the *turno en contra* which was traditionally implemented in previous Congresses.

He then asked what the Minority Leader Suarez' position was on the 2018 GAB and on how his requests for additional funds for certain projects can be realized. He voiced his support for the pertinent amendments that his colleague would present at the proper time.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, the Chair suspended the session at 5:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:42 p.m.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6215

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 6215.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments.

There being no Committee amendments, on motion of Rep. Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of Committee amendments and proceeded to the consideration of individual amendments.

CREATION OF A SMALL COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AND RESOLVE INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

Consistent with parliamentary precedents, on motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body created a small committee composed of the following Members to receive and resolve individual amendments to House Bill

No. 6215. Reps. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Rodolfo C. Fariñas, Maria Carmen S. Zamora, Federico "Ricky" S. Sandoval II, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, and Dakila Carlo E. Cua for the Majority; and Danilo E. Suarez for the Minority.

Thereafter, on motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body directed the Members to submit their individual amendments to the Committee on Appropriations on or before Friday, September 15, 2017.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215

Subsequently, on motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body approved House Bill No. 6215 on Second Reading, subject to the amendments to be approved by the Small Committee.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On further motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

It was 6:44 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. CESAR STRAIT PAREJA**
Secretary General

Approved on September 18, 2017.

Congress of the Philippines
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Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**Journal No. 23****Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

**** ABAD	* BELMONTE (J.C.)	DE VERA
* ABAYA	* BELMONTE (R.)	DEFENSOR
ABAYON	***** BENITEZ	DEL MAR
* ABELLANOSA	* BERNOS	** DEL ROSARIO
ABU	BERTIZ	DELOSO-MONTALLA
ABUEG	BIAZON	DIMAPORO (A.)
* ACHARON	BILLONES	DIMAPORO (M.K.)
ACOP	***** BIRON	DUAVIT
ACOSTA	BOLILIA	DURANO
* ACOSTA-ALBA	BONDOC	DY
* ADIONG	BORDADO	* ELAGO
* ADVINCULA	BRAVO (A.)	ENVERGA
***** AGARAO	BRAVO (M.V.)	* ERICE
AGGABAO	* BROSAS	***** ERIGUEL
* AGLIPAY-VILLAR	* BULUT-BEGTANG	ERMITA-BUHAIN
*** ALBANO	***** CAGAS	ESCUDERO
***** ALCALA	CALDERON	ESPINA
ALEJANO	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	ESPINO
*** ALMARIO	* CAMINERO	* ESTRELLA
* ALMONTE	CAMPOS	***** EUSEBIO
ALONTE	CANAMA	EVARDONE
ALVAREZ (F.)	CARI	FARIÑAS
**** ALVAREZ (M.)	* CASILAO	FERNANDO
ALVAREZ (P.)	CASTELO	FERRER (J.)
**** AMANTE	CASTRO (F.L.)	* FERRER (L.)
AMATONG	CASTRO (F.H.)	* FERRIOL-PASCUAL
**** ANDAYA	***** CATAMCO	* FLOIRENDO
***** ANGARA-CASTILLO	***** CAYETANO	***** FLORES
***** ANTONINO	* CELESTE	* FORTUN
ANTONIO	* CERAFICA	FORTUNO
AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY	***** CERILLES	***** FUENTEBELLA
ARAGONES	* CHAVEZ	GARBIN
***** ARBISON	CHIPECO	* GARCIA (G.)
* ARCILLAS	***** CO	GARCIA (J.E.)
* ARENAS	COJUANGCO	* GARCIA-ALBANO
ATIENZA	***** COLLANTES	GARIN (R.)
AUMENTADO	* CORTES	* GARIN (S.)
BAG-AO	CORTUNA	GASATAYA
* BAGATSING	* COSALAN	*** GATCHALIAN
* BAGUILAT	CRISOLOGO	GERON
* BANAL	* CUA	GO (A.C.)
* BARBERS	CUARESMA	GO (M.)
* BARZAGA	* CUEVA	* GOMEZ
BATAOIL	* DALIPE	GONZAGA
* BATOCABE	DATOL	GONZALES (A.P.)
* BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	* DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
BELARO	DE JESUS	* GONZALEZ
* BELMONTE (F.)	DE VENECIA	**** GORRICETA

GULLAS	*** OCAMPO	***** SILVERIO
***** HERNANDEZ	OLIVAREZ	SINGSON
HERRERA-DY	ONG (E.)	SUANSING (E.)
HOFER	ONG (H.)	SUANSING (H.)
*** JALOSJOS	ORTEGA (P.)	SUAREZ
JAVIER	ORTEGA (V.N.)	* SY-ALVARADO
KHO	* PACQUIAO	* TAMBUNTING
KHONGHUN	PADUANO	TAN (A.)
***** LABADLABAD	PALMA	* TAN (M.)
* LACSON	PANCHO	TAN (S.)
LAGMAN	PANGANIBAN	TEJADA
LANETE	PANOTES	* TEVES
* LAOGAN	PAPANDAYAN	TIANGCO
LAZATIN	PICHAY	* TING
LEACHON	PIMENTEL	* TINIO
LEE	PINEDA	*** TOLENTINO
* LIMKAICHONG	* PLAZA	*** TREÑAS
LOBREGAT	PRIMICIAS-AGABAS	* TUGNA
LOPEZ (B.)	QUIMBO	* TUPAS
* LOPEZ (C.)	* RADAZA	***** TURABIN-HATAMAN
LOPEZ (M.L.)	***** RAMIREZ-SATO	TY
*** LOYOLA	***** RAMOS	* UMALI
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	RELAMPAGOS	* UNABIA
* MACEDA	* REVILLA	UNGAB
MADRONA	ROA-PUNO	* UNICO
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* MANALO	ROCAMORA	UY (R.)
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**** ANDAYA	***** CATAMCO	FLOIRENDO
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ARENAS	COJUANGCO	GARCIA-ALBANO
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KHO	* PACQUIAO	TAMBUNTING
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